

REMARKS

No new matter has been added. The amendments to the specification and claims address typographical and spelling errors, and improve antecedent basis. The amendments do not affect, or surrender, any scope of any claim as originally filed.

FIG. 1 has been amended herein. Specifically, FIG. 1 has been revised to change the label on the left-hand side of the table from “Comb Press (psia)” to --Comb Pressure (psia)--. A Letter to the Chief Draftsman is also being transmitted herewith submitting the proposed revisions to FIG. 1 which includes a copy of the drawing with the proposed changes marked in red. No new matter has been added.

Applicant herein acknowledges the restriction requirement in the above-referenced application. Claims 1-65 are currently pending in the application. The Office has identified the following groups of claims as being drawn to separate inventions:

Group I – Claims 1-25, drawn to a first propellant, classified in class 149, subclass 46;

Group II – Claims 26-51, drawn to a second propellant, classified in class 149, subclass 76;

Group III - Claims 52-58, drawn to a first method, classified in class 149, subclass 109.6; and

Group IV - Claims 59-65, drawn to a second method, classified in class 149, subclass 109.6.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-25, without traverse.

Applicant further elects, without traverse, to prosecute the species of invention as set forth in Group I, claims 2, 3, 10, 15, 16 and 19. The foregoing combination of claims defines, as requested by the Office in paragraph 6 of the outstanding Office Action, “a single example of the composition (made), with each ingredient thereof particularly specified.”

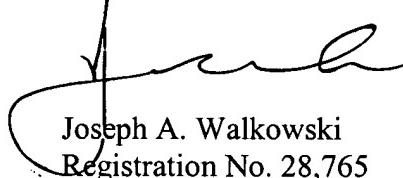
Applicant considers claim 1 to be generic, and note that upon allowance of a generic claim, claims 4-8, 9, 11-14, 17, 18 and 20-25 depending therefrom in a non-elected species would also be allowable.

Applicant respectfully requests an early office action on the merits of claims 1, 2, 3, 10, 15, 16 and 19.

Previously Submitted Information Disclosure Statement

Please note that an Information Disclosure Statement was filed in the above-referenced application on April 12, 2002, but that an initialed copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A that accompanied that Information Disclosure Statement has not yet been returned to the undersigned attorney. It is respectfully requested that the information cited in the Information Disclosure Statement and listed on the Form PTO/SB/08A be considered and made of record in the above-referenced application and that an initialed copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A evidencing such consideration be returned to the undersigned attorney.

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